

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Roberto Dalla Valle Examiner: Michael Safavi  
Application No.: 10/517,712 Group Art Unit: 3673  
Filed: December 10, 2004 Docket No.: 58009-019000  
Title: ***METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SLABS MADE OF STONE-LIKE  
AGGLOMERATED MATERIAL HAVING AN AGED UPPER SURFACE***  
Customer No.: 33717

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 2, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.